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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **HEPATITIS A VACCINATIONS**

On March 6, 2007, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Antonovich, which directed me to review the relevant public health literature and report back with an analysis, including cost-benefit calculations, concerning the question of whether hepatitis A vaccinations should be required for food service workers in restaurants, catering companies, and in wholesale markets.

We have completed a review of our data regarding food service worker-associated outbreaks in recent years. We have reviewed two published cost-benefit analyses of this issue and are in the process of refining an economic analysis based on the specific data for Los Angeles County. We have also asked County Counsel to review our legal authority in this policy area. We will submit a complete report by May 4, 2007.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
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